

Claim Amendment B

Considering the examiner's Office Action of 28Jul03 this is the Claim Amendment identified as B. This is the response:

Retain claims 18 through 32 of record except for claim 31 which is rewritten as in the following list:

Claim 18. (previously presented): A magnetic bookmark releasably securable to a selected position on a page, comprising a planar magnetic member (20), a planar ferric armature member (22) randomly juxtaposed with respect to longitudinal orientation and magnetically attached to said magnetic member, and means for allowing said juxtaposed members to pivotably separate at one side in response to application of a squeezing force at the opposite side of said members.

Claim 19. (previously presented): A bookmark as claimed in claim 18 comprising attachment means (26) hingedly connecting said two members.

Claim 20. (previously presented): A bookmark as claimed in claim 18 wherein said means comprises a beveled edge (60) on one side of said magnetic member.

Claim 21. (previously presented): A bookmark as claimed in claim 18 wherein said means comprises a first firm plate (76) adhered to an outer surface of said armature member (22), said first firm plate having a beveled edge (60) on one side to form an inner vertex (43), and said firm plate being of approximate length of said magnetic member (20), said armature being limited in length by said inner vertex.

Claim 22. (previously presented): A bookmark as claimed in claim 21 wherein said means further comprises a beveled edge (60) on said magnetic member (20) opposing the beveled edge (60) of said first firm plate (76).

Claim 23. (previously presented): A bookmark as claimed in claim 18 wherein said means comprises a protrusion (48) disposed on said magnetic member (20) to form a fulcrum (44).

Claim 24. (previously presented): A bookmark as claimed in claim 18 wherein said means comprises a second firm plate (24) secured to said magnetic member (20) on the side opposite from said armature member (22), said armature member and said second firm plate each being of a like dimension and greater than the dimension of said magnetic member, to overlap and provide a fulcrum (44) between said armature member and said second firm plate.

Claim 25. (previously presented): A bookmark as claimed in claim 24 wherein said magnetic member (20), said second firm plate (24), and said armature member (22) are circular in configuration.

Claim 26. (previously presented): A bookmark as claimed in claim 24 comprising a first flexible film paper-guide (28) interconnecting one end of said magnetic member (20) with one end of said second firm plate (24).

Claim 27. (previously presented): A bookmark as claimed in claim 26 comprising said attachment means (26) hingedly connecting the second firm plate (24) and said armature member (22).

Claim 28. (previously presented): A bookmark as claimed in claim 24 comprising a second flexible film paper-guide (29) covering an inner side of said magnetic member (20), and being wrapped over and covering at least a portion of an outer side of said second firm plate (24).

Claim 29. (previously presented): A magnetic bookmark releasably securable to a selected position on a page, comprising a planar magnetic member (20), a planar ferric armature member (22) randomly juxtaposed with respect to longitudinal orientation and magnetically attached to said magnetic member, and means for allowing said juxtaposed members to pivotably separate at one side in response to application of a squeezing force at the opposite side of said members,

attachment means (26) hingedly connecting said magnetic member and said armature member,

a second firm plate (24) is secured to said magnetic member (20) on the side opposite from said armature member (22), said armature member and said second firm plate each being of a like dimension and greater than the dimension of said magnetic member, to overlap and provide a fulcrum (44) between said armature member and said second firm plate, and

a second flexible film paper-guide (29) covering an inner side of said magnetic member (20), and wrapped over and covering at least a portion of an outer side of said second firm plate (24).

Claim 30. (previously presented): A bookmark as claimed in claim 24 comprising signage means (96) applied to any viewable surface of the structure.

Claim 31. (currently amended): A magnetic bookmark which can be releasably secured to a selected position on one sheet or on multiple successive sheets of paper, comprising a planar magnetic member (20), a planar ferric armature member (22) randomly juxtaposed with respect to longitudinal orientation and magnetically attached to said magnetic member, and means for allowing said juxtaposed members to pivotably separate at one side in response to application of a squeezing force at the opposite side of said members[.],

attachment means (26) hingedly connecting said two members[.],

a second firm plate (24) is secured to said magnetic member (20) on the side opposite from said

armature member (22), said armature member and said second firm plate each being of a like dimension and greater than the dimension of said magnetic member, to overlap and provide a fulcrum (44) between said armature member and said second firm plate[[, and]].

~~a second flexible film paper guide (29) covering an inner side of said magnetic member (20), and being wrapped over and covering at least a portion of an outer side of said second firm plate (24).~~

13 Claim 32.(previously presented): A magnetic bookmark releasably securable to a selected position on a page, comprising two discrete planar facing magnetic members with each of said two magnetic members having opposite polarities thereby enabling both said facing magnetic members to become magnetically attached to each other along said planar facing magnetic surfaces, and means for allowing said facing members to pivotably separate at one side in response to application of a squeezing force at the opposite side of said magnetic members,

a beveled edge (60) on at least one side of either of said attached magnetic members.

Election

Applicant elects group I because applicant is required to choose between group I and group II. Applicant makes this election without traverse.

Applicant, however, will proceed with generic claim 18 and all the claims of group I and group II. If claim 18 properly encompasses all of the remaining claims then it is submitted that those claims are in proper form. If examiner does not agree, applicant will elect group I, which includes those claims that relate to those species which have an attachment means. Applicant reserves the right to file a divisional application to cover the nonelected claims of Group II at a later date if applicant chooses to do so. This includes all the claims belonging to the set of "Group II claims and drawings" listed below.

Group I's claims and drawings that read on the "attached" species concept include:

Generic claim 18 reads on all the drawing figures and encompasses all claims submitted to the United States Patent Office in Application No. 026-Aug-039/982,455 including this Amendment B.

Canceled Claim 16 read on Figs 3A, 3B, and 3C.

Claim 19 reads on Figs 13A, 13B, and 13C.

Claim 27 reads on Figs 16A.

Claim 29 reads on Figs 1A, 1B, 1C, 1D, 1E, 1F, and 1G.

Claim 30 reads on Fig 17A.

Claim 31 reads on Figs 4A, 4B, 4C, 4D, 4E, and 4F

Group II's claims and drawings that do not read on the "attached" species concept include:

Claim 20 reads on Figs 14A, 14B, 14C, 14D, and 14E.

Claim 21 reads on Figs 12A, 12B, and 12C.

Claim 22 reads on Figs 11A, 11B, 11C, 11D, and 11E.

Claim 23 reads on Figs 10A, and 10B.

Cancelled claim 7 read on Figs. 9A, and 9B.

Claim 24 reads on Figs 8A, 8B, 8C, 8D, 8E, and 8F.

Claim 25 reads on Figs 6A, and 6B.

No claim written for Figs 5A, and 5B.

No claim written for Figs 7A, and 7B.

Claim 26 reads on Figs 15A, 15B, and 15C.

Claim 28 reads on Figs 2A, and 2B.

Claim 32 also reads on Figs 14A, 14B, 14C, 14D, and 14E.

Claim 31 is amended to show that the bookmark is capable of grasping multiple sheets of paper and does not need a second flexible film paper-guide (29) to do so, as illustrated by Figs 4A, 4B, 4C, 4D, 4E, and 4F.

The enclosed updated flowchart of the claims' actual models, submitted only for supporting applicant's position, shows the evolution from claim 18 to all the other claims.

The enclosed spreadsheet, submitted only for supporting applicant's position, shows that the core of all 15 claims as seen first in the simplest structure found in claim 18 and first concretized in claim 20 can also be seen in all the other claims.

The enclosed "Figure Tally" spreadsheet is included to illustrate the claims' history, and current status.